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From: McKim, Krista
Sent: Thur 1/5/2017 9:30:09 PM
Subject: FW: Aquila Resources Inc-Back Forty Project - Permit No. MI0059945 "Proposed Permit"
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Update from MDEQ on the responses to comments is below.

So, they didn't complete the responses to comments yet for any/all of the three permits, but issued the mining and air permits....

From: Heaton, Sylvia (DEQ) [mailto:HEATONS@michigan.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 2:50 PM
To: McKim, Krista <mckim.krista@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Aquila Resources Inc-Back Forty Project - Permit No. MI0059945 "Proposed Permit" [WARNING: DKIM validation failed]

Hi Krista,

My apologies that we haven't sent the responsiveness summaries yet. I'm waiting on the joint public hearing summary to be made final and available, since we use those responses for the NPDES public notice response to comments (and I would like to be sure that responses between both documents are consistent). The Part 632 folks are the lead and I'm hoping they release the document soon, so we can wrap things up on our end and send the responsiveness summary for comments received during the NPDES PN period to Region 5. Again, I apologize for the delay.

In regards to the submittal of several comment letters, Al did leave me separate draft response letters for the USFWS comments, and two other letters that came in hard copy. I'll double check that all comments are included and responded to, before sending the responsiveness summary, and the three separate response letters to EPA. Can you tell whether the comments you were cc'd on were part of the joint public hearing comments process for all 3 permits, or if they were specific to the NPDES PN period?

Thanks Krista, and please let me know if you have any other questions regarding the above, or questions regarding the proposed permit. I'll be here all day tomorrow if you want to call and discuss as well.

Sylvia

From: McKim, Krista [<mailto:mckim.krista@epa.gov>]
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To: Heaton, Sylvia (DEQ) <HEATONS@michigan.gov>
Subject: FW: Aquila Resources Inc-Back Forty Project - Permit No. MI0059945 "Proposed Permit" [WARNING: DKIM validation failed]

Hi Sylvia,

I'm just checking in with you as we have not received the response to comments yet. Also, we were copied on several comment letters, including from the Tribe and a number of fishing groups and others whose comments do not appear to be reflected in the summary file you sent. Are those comments and the USFWS comments being responded to separately?

Thanks,

Krista

From: Ireland, Scott
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 9:27 AM
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This was in the R5 mailbox. Wanting to make sure we all have the most recent submittals.

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From: Heaton, Sylvia (DEQ)

Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 2:57 PM

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Subject: Aquila Resources Inc-Back Forty Project - Permit No. MI0059945 "Proposed Permit"

Please find enclosed a copy of the proposed NPDES permit for Aquila Resources Inc-Back Forty Project (MI0059945), and public comments received during the NPDES public notice period, and the public hearing on the proposed mining project. The responsiveness summary will be forwarded once it is made final.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Respectively,

Sylvia Heaton